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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	670	Median Age of Population (1980)	32.0
Estimated Population (1984)	127,102	% Population Urban (1980)	50.0
Population per Square Mile (1984)	190	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$9,656
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	- 0.9	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	6.9
Projected Population (1990)	125,178	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	9.9
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	- 2.4	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	10.8

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	127,102	61,349	65,753	35-44	14,918	7,367	7,551
0-4	8,342	4,272	4,070	45-54	12,672	5,924	6,748
5-14	17,318	8,919	8,399	55-64	14,703	6,879	7,824
15-24	21,126	10,900	10,226	65+	18,365	7,431	10,934
25-34	19,658	9,657	10,001				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	1,084	Number of Divorces	395
Rate per 1,000 Population	8.5	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.1
Median Age of Bride	24	Median Age of Wife	32
Median Age of Groom	26	Median Age of Husband	34

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	1,420
Rate per 1,000 Population	11.2
Median Age of Mother	26
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	5.1

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	1,420	100.0	30-34	255	18.0
UNDER 15	1	0.0	35-39	61	4.3
15-19	165	11.6	40-44	11	0.8
20-24	439	30.9	45+	0	—
25-29	488	34.4	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	177	Meningitis: Aseptic	2	Salmonellosis	18
Hepatitis: Type A	1	Meningitis: Meningococcal	1	Shigellosis	1
Hepatitis: Type B	4	Mumps	0	Syphilis	9
Hepatitis: Unspecified	1	Rubella	0	Tuberculosis	4
Hepatitis: Non-A/Non-B	2				

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	1,276	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	11
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	10.0	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	7.7
Median Age at Death	74.8	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	10

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	547	42.9	Perinatal Conditions	5	38.5	Accidents, All Forms	10	71.4
Cancer	299	23.4	Congenital Anomalies	5	38.5	Heart Disease	1	7.1
Cerebrovascular Disease	76	6.0	Accidents, All Forms	1	7.7	Suicide	1	7.1
Pneumonia and Influenza	56	4.4						
Accidents, All Forms	44	3.4						
All Other	254	19.9	All Other	2	15.4	All Other	2	14.3
TOTAL	1,276	100.0	TOTAL	13	100.0	TOTAL	14	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	9	22.0	Cancer	92	37.1	Heart Disease	457	47.6
Accidents, All Forms	9	22.0	Heart Disease	80	32.3	Cancer	202	21.0
Cancer	5	12.2	Accidents, All Forms	10	4.0	Cerebrovascular Disease	66	6.9
Suicide	3	7.3	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	10	4.0	Pneumonia and Influenza	51	5.3
			Cerebrovascular Disease	9	3.6	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	32	3.3
All Other	15	36.6	All Other	47	19.0	All Other	152	15.8
TOTAL	41	100.0	TOTAL	248	100.0	TOTAL	960	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
4	4	0	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	0	Structured Clinics	2	Emergency Services Capability:	
Home Health Service	2	Family Practice Center	0	Limited 0	General 4
				Basic 0	Comprehensive 0

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	3	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	0	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	708	5.6
Admissions	27,701	217.9

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	0	—
Admissions	0	—

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $194

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	6	4	6
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	1	0	1
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	4	3	4
TOTAL	11	7	11

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	616	33.5
Intermediate	503	27.4
Total (SNF + ICF)	1,119	60.9

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 84.1

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $48
Intermediate $56

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
4	584	58	483	43	66.5

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
0	4	0	0	3	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	358	Certified Paramedics I	11
Ambulance Providers	10	Certified Paramedics II	3

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 5

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	5	Autism	4	Muscular Dystrophy	4
Cerebral Palsy	4	Learning Disabilities	4	Other	5
Epilepsy	4	Multiple Sclerosis	4		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 1

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 15